

Geographic Review Panel 4 San Joaquin River

Proposal number: 2001-B201

Short Proposal Title: Tuolumne River Restoration—
Special Run Pool 10

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Agree with staff review that proposed project is clearly applicable to both CALFED and CVPIA priorities. Because of extensive gravel mining on other waterways in the region, lessons learned from this project could be widely applicable.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Ongoing lessons learned from this project will be very valuable for other restoration activities in the region. See Additional Comments section below for recommendations on lessons learned and the applicability to other similar restoration efforts in the region. Panel agrees with technical reviewers that the proposal lacks detail on how the information will be disseminated and usable for other restoration projects. Panel is aware that this project is part of a well-integrated, overall restoration vision for the Tuolumne River.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Project appears to be technically feasible but lacking detail on whether goal of reducing predation will occur, and how that and other goals will be determined to have been achieved given the short monitoring period.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The assembled team appears to be qualified but detail on qualifications of fishery monitoring team is lacking.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Proposal describes past local involvement, which was extensive. Not clear how ongoing outreach and education will occur during construction and monitoring.

6. Cost. Agree with staff review that budget lacks detail. Cost is huge, but similar to like projects with similar benefits in the region.

7. Cost sharing. Minor, 1% from TID.

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8. Additional comments. Agree with independent technical reviewer and TARP comments that proposal lacks detail in key areas. This Panel believes this type of project would greatly benefit by being exposed to a more regional review venue. A venue such as the Adaptive Management Forum for Large Scale Channel Restoration Projects that is under development by the AFRP is one such option. The intent of this Forum is to use a multi-disciplinary panel of experts to review multiple large-scale projects, such as the Robinson Project and Tuolumne Mining Reach projects, as they are designed, implemented and monitored. This higher level of review could expand the information value of such projects and provide monitoring and implementation insights important to adaptive management and implementation of future project phases. Panel notes that there is a

good opportunity to phase funding for this project. Construction is not scheduled to start until 2002. Recommend funding for permitting, planning, and easement related activities.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium high

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: High regional relevance. Many lessons to be potentially learned that would have applicability to other restoration projects in the region.